OVERVIEW OF STIP INTERVALS XV-XIX

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Five STIP Intervals for special scientific study of solar and interplanetary phenomena were designated between February 1984 and March 1986. The first two intervals were selected retrospectively after unusual periods of solar activity; the remaining three intervals were selected in advance in conjunction with anticipated spacecraft configurations and measurements. In this overview we present the historical background of these STIP Intervals and a summary of the rationale in the selection of these particular time periods for concentrated studies.